

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 6 without my signature.

Requiring organizations that pay individuals to collect signatures to register with the Secretary of State and pay a yet-to-be-determine fee will reduce the ability of many organizations to qualify a measure for the ballot. Under the provisions of this bill a “professional firm” would include grassroots organizations that pay signature gatherers in an effort to meet the deadline to qualify a measure.

The people of California often exercise their important role in government oversight through the initiative, referendum and recall process. I cannot support a measure that places an undue burden on reform-minded Californians.

For these reasons I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger